

Female brides

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YOU WANT A PERFECT WEDDING, but do you see yourself dressed realistically? Not everyone can pull off the Cinderella look with the full skirt, and yet, that's how everyone romanticises their ultimate fairytale wedding.

As beauty comes in all shapes and sizes, so do gowns. Here are the basic four cuts and how to know what's the right one for you:

Ballgown: Ah, the ultimate fairytale look! But this only looks great on brides who have average-height or are tall. Petite brides should be careful: a ballgown with too full a skirt could overwhelm her appearance. Remember Princess Diana? Height and leanness works well for this silhouette.

Empire Waistline: This silhouette, with a high waistline just under the bust, works to give the less well-endowed instant uplift where it matters. Because the focus is more on the bodice rather than the skirt, petite brides will love the style as it gives the impression of increased height. It also downplays the waist and stomach area and provides more slimming curves.

Basque Waistline: This waistline cuts low on the hips to give you more curves at the hips. It has a V-shape or curved U-shape waist that fits the waist snugly before the dress flares out or falls into a straight skirt. The style has a 'slimming' effect for all body types. However, petite brides need to be a little cautious: if the waistline rides too low, it could make them appear shorter. One thing to remember about this style: the angle from hip to point in front can vary. Nowadays, they can also take on an asymmetrical look.

The Princess Line/A-line: It's the all-rounder silhouette for most body shapes. The style, which has a fitted bodice and flares from the hips down, can make shorter brides appear taller, and hides large hips perfectly. The lines give curves to a straight figure and is perfect for that feminine look without the bulk of a ballgown skirt.

Finally...

You may feel that there would never be a style that suits you. But think positive: personality plays a part in pulling off a style. And since this is going to be your wedding day, have fun, be confident and the rest will take care of itself.

FROM LEFT Strapless ballgown by Divine Couture by Soo Lim Lei, empire gown with corsage detail by Eric Choong, halterneck basque waistline gown with tiered skirt by The Bridal Gallery of Ever After, sleeveless A-line dress with ribbon detail by Armadale Weddings.



Aisle Style

So many styles to choose from. Which is the right gown for you?

TEXT Anis Rami PHOTOGRAPHY Laili Soo Phee STYLING Li-Mei



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT Who knew that fruits, like this pear, can turn out to be such an elegant table filler! Let the child in you have her day, too, with this cupcake-cake combo creation; creative flower arrangement using wrought iron props; match your drinks to the theme but don't forget to dress the bottle! An outdoor swing provides the perfect fairytale ambience with vines and flowers trailing all over; clever use of flowers, herbs and leaves turns an ordinary napkin into a piece of artwork.

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FLORAL DECO *Eric Chung Flowers/93-2283 2113*
CAKE *Mathias Patisserie*
CHAMPAGNE *Vinopist Sdn Bhd/93-5638 8268*
LOCATION *The Villas at Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel*

Fairytale

Dreams come true for a happy-ever-after ending in this dreamy setup. TEXT *Aris Ramlil* THEME CONCEPTUALISATION, DÉCOR & PHOTOS *Eric Chung*





Asian Heritage

Toasting ancestral roots in a celebration abounding with tales and tradition.

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Instead of hanging topiaries, cascading floral bouquets greet guests at the main entrance; a wedding cake that knows how to cosy up to the relatives – wisely dressed in red and feathers! California roll-style bouquets make an interesting topic of conversation; brocade purses are cheap and novel parting gifts; a heart-shaped cut-out menu and handmade beaded napkin holder add a personal touch; dress up the table with an east-west combo: fresh flowers and scented candles.